Farm management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India" which is expected not only to substantially enhance agricultural production but also introduce stability in agricultural growth in India.

Schemes for Natural Calamities

†*658. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that natural calamities take place every year in various States of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have worked out some specific schemes to deal with such natural calamities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, as at the end of 2001?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) None of the natural calamities are totally avoidable; the harmful effects of most can, however be reduced or prevented with a proper system of forecast and risk reduction. A number of schemes ranging from Plan allocations for flood control to Drought Prone Area Programme are catering to problems concerning various types of natural calamities. Development funds are also made available to upgrade facilities of various scientific and technical organization like the India Meterological Department, the Central Water Commission and the Geological Survey of India etc. A Central Sector Scheme "Natural Disaster Management Programme" seeks to build up capacities to deal with natural calamities generally through provision of training of personnel, mass education and documentation etc. Till 2001-02, an expenditure of about Rs. 4.12 crore was incurred as cost of provision of training in 24 State level Institutions. Besides, a National Centre for Disaster Management was also funded under this Scheme which has so far conducted 70 training programmes, benefiting over 2500 persons and brought 12 publications.

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Besides, as per the report of the Eleventh Finance Commission, a total of Rs. 8255.69 Crores are to be transferred between the year 2000-2001 and 2004-2005 as 75% Central share of the Calamity Relief Funds of the States to meet expenditure on relief in the event of natural calamities by the State Governments concerned.

Electrification of Railway Routes

*659. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total route of Indian Railways under electrification as on 31st January, 2002;

(b) what percentage is this, of the total Indian Railway routes;

(c) whether the target for electrification for Ninth Five Year Plan has been achieved; and

(d) whether target for Tenth Five Year Plan has been fixed; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) As on 31.01.2002, 15680 Route kilometres have been electrified which constitutes 24.88% of total Indian Railway routes.

(c) Yes, Sir. Against the target of electrification of 2300 Route kilometres fixed during Ninth Five Year Plan, 2484 Route kilometres have been electrified, thus exceeding the target by 184 Route kilometres.

(d) Tentatively fixed at 2150 Route kilometres for Tenth Plan.